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TAGS: PFOR, EG, US, IS

SUBJECT: JORDAN-ISRAEL BOUNDARY COMPLAINT

REF: AMMAN 6564 AND 6597

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM SISCO

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM ISRAELIS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL THAT PRIME MINISTER RIFAI HAS ASKED US TO RAISE WITH ISRAEL QUESTION OF ISRAELI FENCE ALLEGEDLY CONSTRUCTED ON JORDANIAN SIDE OF BORDER IN WADI ARABA BEGINNING IN 1970. JORDANIANS INFORM US THAT THEY ARE CONSTRUCTING NEW ROAD BETWEEN GULF OF AQABA AND DEAD SEA, ALIGNMENT OF WHICH WILL TAKE IT ACROSS AREA NOW ENCLOSED BY ISRAELI FENCE. JORDANIANS ESTIMATE THAT CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD WILL REACH THAT POINT TOWARD END OF THIS MONTH AND REQUEST THAT FENCE BE REMOVED TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE INCIDENTS WHICH THEY VERY MUCH WANT TO AVOID.

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM ISRAELIS THAT WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT  
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JUDGMENTS ABOUT FACTS IN THIS SITUATION BUT WOULD LIKE TO

BE HELPFUL. WHAT CAN THEY TELL US ABOUT JORDANIAN ALLEGATIONS AND WHAT WOULD THEY SUGGEST WE RESPOND TO RIFAI?

3. GIVEN TIME FACTOR DESCRIBED BY RIFAI, THERE IS CLEARLY SOME URGENCY IN THIS MATTER AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU CAN TAKE IT UP IMMEDIATELY. WE ASSUME ALLON WOULD BE LOGICAL PERSON TO RAISE THIS WITH, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF HIS STATEMENTS ON NUMBER OF OCCASIONS THAT THERE ARE MANY MATTERS ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH JORDAN. KISSINGER

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